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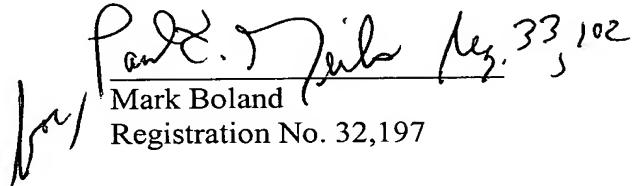
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JP-A No. 2-15270, Japanese Patent No. 2985968, Japanese Patent No. 2861309

**and JP-A No. 2001-51417 are all cited and discussed on page 3 in the specification of the
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